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THIS MONTH'S COVER scarcely begins to wish you all the happiness we hope you and yours will enjoy in this holiday season, and during the new year of 1955. Over and over again—MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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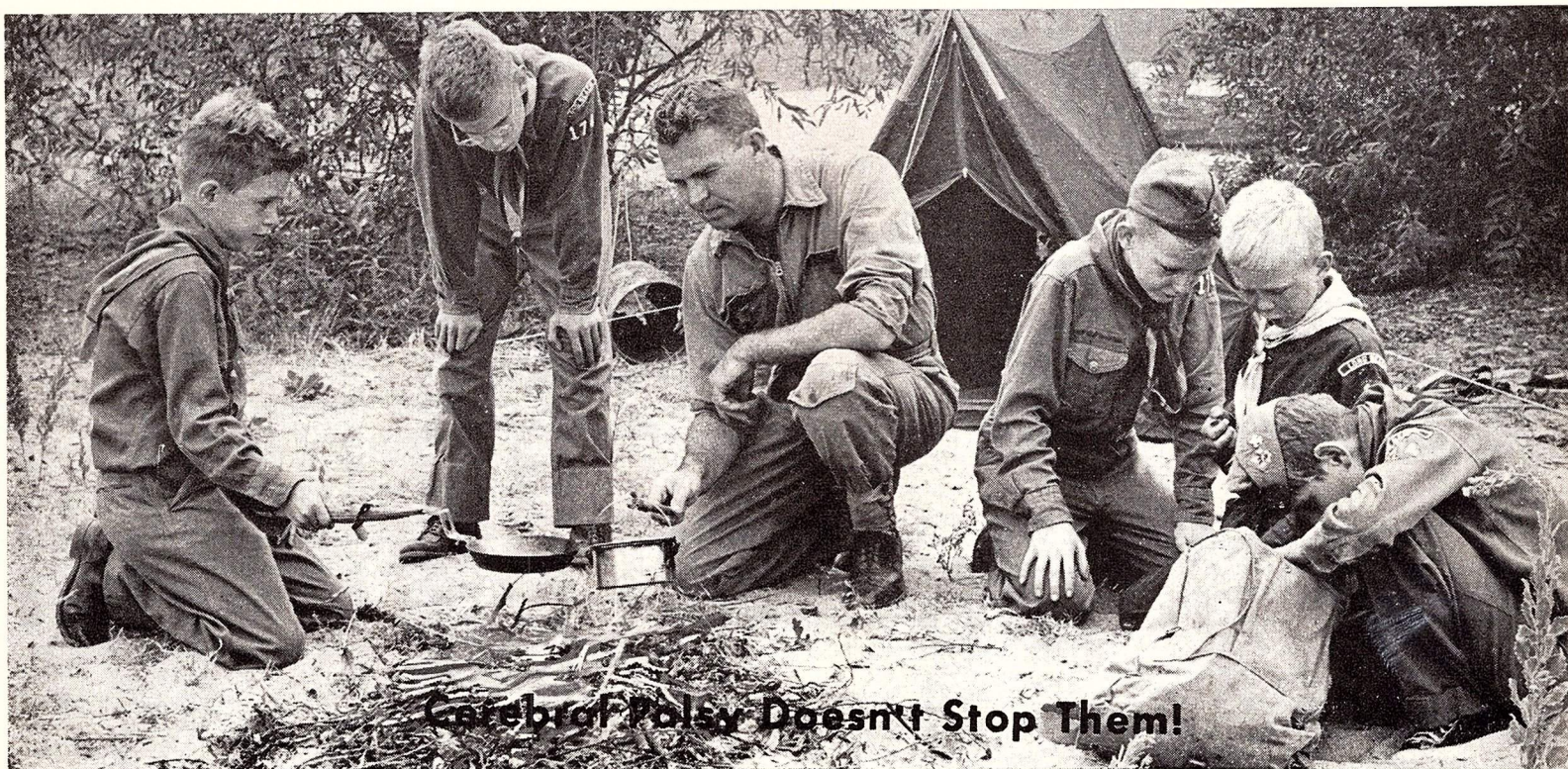
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Cerebral Palsy Doesn't Stop Them!

## A STORY ABOUT GOOD SCOUTS

including the members of the Exchange Club of Uptown Long Beach, Calif.

**I**T WAS painfully apparent during the past school year to students afflicted with cerebral palsy attending Robert E. Lee school in Long Beach, California, that they were a group left out of activities of the school ground, so familiar to normal life of a boy growing up in America. They were not members of a Boy Scout troop, and they did not have the privilege of wearing a Boy Scout uniform to school on the day the troop met. They were forlorn . . . set aside in the school yard and didn't belong to the happy shouting group of boys into which they longed with all their hearts to be accepted. They wanted to know that they were capable of taking part in all the wholesome activities of the Boy Scout.

This non-group acceptance was early recognized by their special-class teacher,

Miss Jean St. Hilaire. From her recognition of the problem facing her class, the seed was sown which resulted in the first scout troop composed of boys handicapped by cerebral palsy. It was not long before the parents became aware of the problem, through the efforts of Miss St. Hilaire. A meeting was called by Fred Massey, whose son was in this special class.

There was not a single parent, nor person interested in pioneering a scout troop of handicapped children, who was not fully aware of the manifold problems that were to beset and plague them. The requirements for scouting were high, and had to be met by rigid examination. The local scout authorities had to be satisfied that the standards were not being lowered. To some, the problems were seemingly insur-

mountable.

Two of the boys could hardly speak because of damage to the brain centers which control speech. One boy wore a heavy brace; several were severely handicapped by lack of vision. There were others who needed social adaption. All appeared to be mentally retarded.

To meet the requirements of tenderfoot, second-class, and first-class scouts with these handicaps, presented a challenge, a very real challenge to the people who had to lead these boys. Perhaps it was an impossible goal. But scouting is not based on defeat before trying, so it was agreed to go ahead with the program; the handicaps 'could be' overcome, and the requirements 'would be' met.

The Exchange Club of Uptown Long Beach readily agreed to sponsor this





◀ Scoutmaster Dick Hall, Exchangite, pictured at a meeting commemorating this unique troop's formation.

Troop because of their interest in boys, the welfare of their community, and the doing of a good deed. There was no planned publicity. Richard G. Hall, a Long Beach attorney and a bachelor, volunteered to act as scoutmaster. He already had some interest in scouting and had been an Eagle Scout. Charlie Sleeper, past president of the Club, volunteered to be assistant scoutmaster. Neither knew the problems they would be facing. They were new in the field of cerebral palsy. They were motivated only by their unselfish interest in bringing to handicapped boys, the scout-given opportunity of enjoying the outdoors. Above all, they wanted to stimulate the boys into making the most of

their limited abilities in the worldwide group of boys and men organized into scouting.

Captain John D. Bulkeley, USN, volunteered as another assistant scoutmaster. Captain Bulkeley, Congressional-Medal-of-Honor winner whose war-time experiences in taking General Douglas A. MacArthur off the Philippines, were the basis of the movie and best seller, "They Were Expendable," had a son, a cerebral-palsy victim. This boy was a member of the troop. During periodical returns of the captain's ship to Long Beach, he too became profoundly impressed with the benefits to be derived from scouting, for this particular group of children.

There were many others interested in this new venture to assist the afflicted. Some were Vice President Nixon. Senators Knowland and Kuchel, Chief Justice Warren, Governor Knight, Congressman Craig Hosmer, and even the White House. These men recognized the challenge, and all sent letters of personal encouragement to the troop.

The charter was received on February 28, 1954; Troop 174 was established at Long Beach, California, and it included eleven boys. Since that time the tremendous interest and vigorous en-

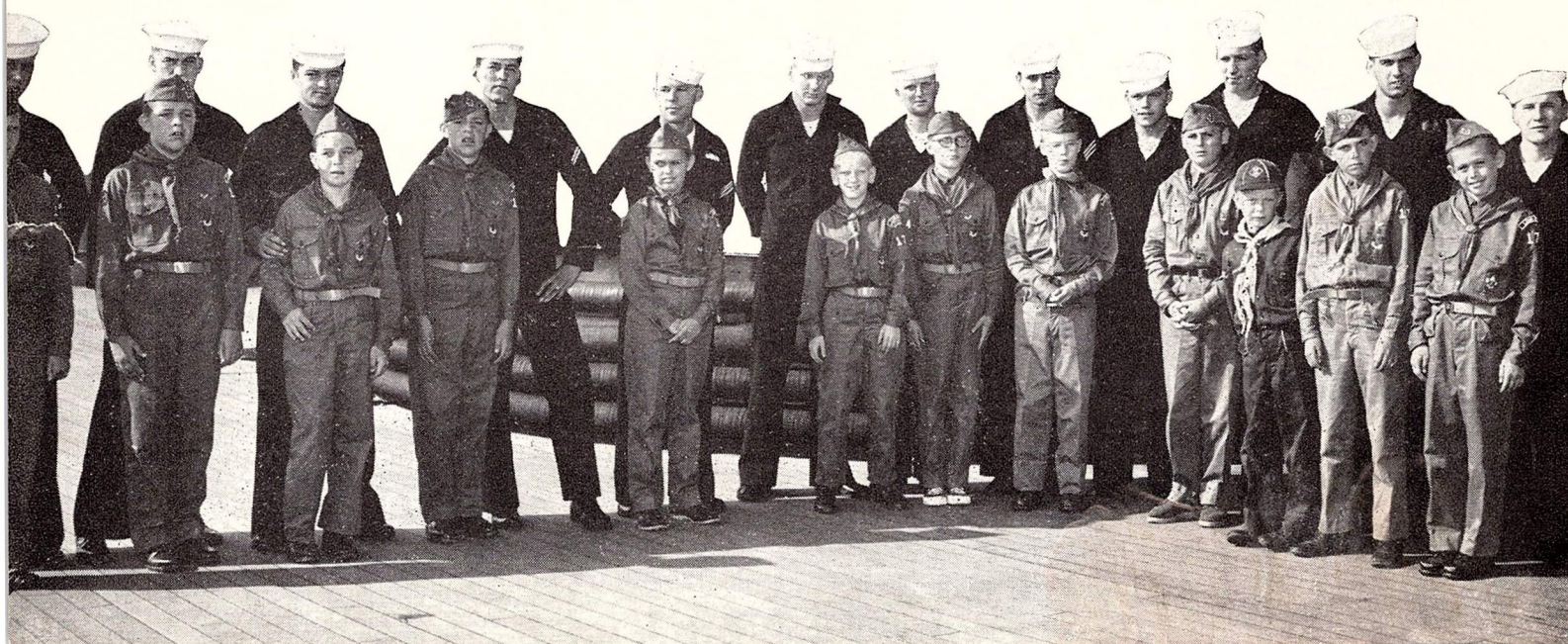
thusiasm of these boys has enabled them to attain a remarkable proficiency in scouting activities. In a short time, these determined youngsters, despite their manifold handicaps, have passed scouting requirements for second-class scouts, and have almost completed requirements for first-class.

They have done hiking, cooking, and overnight camping. They are signalling now with a skill which no one thought possible, when the troop was formed. They appear smart in their uniforms. They are meticulous in keeping their uniforms clean, their shoes shined. They snap out the scout laws without prompting. They can cook over a camp fire, and they know their compass as well as any other scouts.

But above all, in the schoolyard they belong! They are not leftouts; they are scouts in the fullest sense of the word and perhaps more enthusiastic than the unhandicapped, for they alone, along with their leaders, know the handicaps they had to overcome to be the scouts they are today. It will never be denied that in this troop, if no other, scouting profoundly influenced their lives and gave these boys something they will never forget. They are Boy Scouts in word and deed — they wear their uniforms proudly despite their handicapped conditions.

No miracle is claimed by Troop 174 — only solid achievement. The scoutmaster and the assistants know there is still a hard row ahead. But when they remember that one of their boys was recommended for institutional care for life — that his parents were told by the staff of a leading hospital, to forget him, then they know, seeing that boy now a second-class scout soon to

Welcomed aboard the heavy cruiser, USS ROCHESTER, at Long Beach were these 12 scouts who came to visit the ship, and have supper as guests of the Navy.







"On my honor, I promise to do my duty," recites this patrol of scouts in unison with Capt. John D. Bulkeley, USN, assistant scoutmaster . . . exemplifying their determination to conquer handicaps.

***(This is one of 300 Boy Scout troops, sponsored by Exchange Clubs.)***

be first-class, that this is one of the most worthwhile programs on which they ever embarked.

It is a program that deals in humanities, in the making of useful citizens; and in creating something which the best authorities in medicine said was impossible. They didn't expect miracles, — but they are holding one in their hands, whether they choose to regard it so or not. They are sure now that this boy is not going to be a care or a burden; that this boy can now take care of himself; that he is mentally alert and morally straight. It is the preparation of these boys for the uncertain future, that makes this program inspiring and worthwhile. "Be Prepared!," the scout's motto, is surely the key word in this troop's program.

As far as known, this is the only such troop in the entire nation.

This Exchange Club of Uptown Long Beach is certain there are thousands of similarly handicapped boys and girls in the United States today. It is the members' most fervent hope and earnest wish that other Clubs in the United States strongly consider sponsoring troops of a similar nature. They know from their experience with Troop 174 that no scout is ever licked by his handicaps. Their boys proved that.

In the second scout meeting held by this troop, one of the boys appeared with his right arm in a cast from elbow to finger tips. Tucked into his cast was

a note from his parents, which exemplifies the spirit of these boys. It read partly as follows:

"Bill's Daddy worked with him over the week-end and taught him how to tie the 'Sheetbend,' 'Clove Hitch,' and the 'Two Half Hitches.' He did beautifully and really had them conquered and was so eager to show you tonight. Unfortunately, he broke his arm today — his first break, with the many falls he's had in his short life. He did so want to come to the meeting tonight to show you he knows the Scout Laws."

The following words of Secretary

Ken Jensen, about this troop's appearance at a meeting, well express the Club's own attitude: "Seldom has a Club been so privileged as to actually see such a beneficial harvest reaped from its labors. These boys, some physically crippled, some partially blind, deaf, or speechless, all seemingly mentally retarded, facing life with their manifold difficulties, rewarded the Club members with their unflinching boyish optimism and enthusiasm."

Club members all over the nation can take great pride in the achievements of the Uptown Long Beach Exchangites. — END



Assistant Scoutmaster Charles A. Sleeper, past president of the Club, teaches compass reading to four troop members. ▶



In Burbank, Calif.

# It's Christmas All Year 'Round

## THANKS TO THE EXCHANGE CLUB'S "OCCUPATION EXCHANGE"

A lengthy feature article and a great deal of other publicity regarding "Occupation Exchange" have appeared in the *Burbank Daily Review*, local newspaper. The title refers to a project of the Exchange Club of Burbank.

Facts taken from the article, written by Reporter Mary Pierson, follow:

It is Christmas at Burbank's Occupation Exchange when disabled employes begin to assemble the toys for Santa's pack.

And it is Christmas all year 'round for the men of the Exchange Club, who have made it possible for 700 formerly

unemployable persons to assume productive roles in the community. The spirit associated with that special season has become a part of their everyday lives.

Club Member James Billings is credited with making the original proposition that the Exchange Club sponsor a venture which would provide a sheltered work-shop for unemployed disabled persons in the San Fernando Valley and train them for gainful occupation.

Since local Exchange Clubs are dedicated to some particular community philanthropy, Billings' suggestion was

received enthusiastically. The original planning committee also included the late Dr. Charles Rusco, James Baker, Dr. Delmar Daniel, John Tropea, Harry Jensen, the late Syd Orme and Mrs. Rawson Davis. Their success in putting the idea into practical use, has attracted the attention of various groups throughout the country. These groups often send observers for information with the intention of adapting the local plan to other communities.

Burbank's Occupation Exchange was organized in 1947 as a non-profit corporation planned to remove disabled persons from the demoralizing roles of being tax burdens on the community, and convert them into income-earning members of society. Exchange Club members have figured out a scale whereby their corporation can provide a 106 cent dollar by doubling its current 53 cent value invested in each individual. Such extraordinary powers are known as magic.

### Try to Promote "Out"

The facility is available to all handicapped individuals without exception and Wally Foster, who is the work-center's general manager points out that it is the only organization in the world interested in promoting its best workers right out of the building to more lucrative positions. He is interested, with his foreman, Martin Wilson, and assistant foreman, Bill Mattana, both disabled, in training those with physical disabilities to overcome their handicaps.

Some, however, are more or less permanently employed, because of the nature of their ailments.

In its first year of operation the Club paid out approximately \$10,000 to the disabled and in 1951 the payroll had jumped to nearly \$40,000. Later, the corporation had a little tough luck and the payroll slipped a bit, but things are rolling smoothly again and fingers gradually are being uncrossed.

There is always some room for a few more sub-contracts so that the plant can attain its maximum employment. Each Exchange Club member acts as a public relations agent in interesting industrial plants in the greater metropolitan area in contracts for minor as-

Christmas Tree Ornaments are one result of meticulous work being done by these men at "Occupation Exchange," a center which provides employment for the handicapped.





sembly work, plastic fabrication, packaging. A reservoir of physically handicapped persons is ready to report on a few hours notice.

District Governor Ted Ralston is working overtime to convince the public of the worth of this project, and pleads for help in removing these people from the scrap heap of humanity and restoring their self respect by converting them from tax burdens to taxpayers.

Contracts for minor assembly work, for plastic fabrication, and for packaging, are available from the workshop.

### Radio Advertising

One means used by the Club to advertise this project, is a daily radio program called "Occupation Exchange Is On the Air." This enables the Club to interest business men in the cause of the handicapped.

Fifty per cent of all proceeds raised by radio advertising, go to the project.

Funds for temporarily financing taxes, utilities, insurance, truck and license, and building-renovation, have been raised by the Club, as a result of the most intense effort. As long as able, the Exchange Club of Burbank will continue to carry on this aid.

Perhaps one of the greatest rays of hope in recent years is the factory's present management. Headed by Dave Carlson, President, Ace Huskins, Vice President, and Frank Weatherington, Secretary-Treasurer, the plant has taken on a new look. These three men have successful factories of their own. Their ability and time in the factory's management would indeed be too costly, if hired, but as true Exchangites and humanitarians they are giving of their best ability for this worthy cause.

"Our story is fraught with hope and cheer, with hard work, much thought; with heartache, and at times, despair," says District Governor Ralston, "... but it has given much satisfaction to all taking a part in it."

The latest good news is that the project now has come under Red Feather sponsorship. With this assured aid, it can proceed more than ever, to make the lives of many Burbankians, "Christmas all year 'round."—END

### Paper Winnings

In one month, the Exchange Club of Sturgis (Mich.) raised \$850 by means of a city-wide paper drive. \$600 of this money went to the Polio Foundation, while \$250 was allocated to the Boy Scouts to help pay the expense of the national Jamboree. President Charles W. Thomasma and Exchangite Frank Kolady presented this latter check to the local Scoutmaster.



Gay Plastic Tumblers by the hundreds, roll out from the hands of these workers at "Occupation Exchange."

## BOOK OF GOLDEN DEEDS . .

(Continued on next page)

Exchange Clubs everywhere continue to honor teachers, youth leaders, volunteers, writers, industrialists, others . . .



Brookhaven, Miss. High light of the Exchange Club of Brookhaven's seventh Anniversary Party, was presentation of a Book of Golden Deeds Award to Miss Ynez Fishburn, above. School Superintendent C. H. Lipsey (left) is presenting the Award, as District Governor T. W. Hickman, Jr., awaits his turn to speak. The recipient was honored for her long and faithful service as a city-school teacher.





**Amherst, N.Y.** Fourth annual Golden Deeds Award dinner of the Exchange Club of Amherst, honored Irwin W. Butts (above, center, with Mrs. Butts). Committee Chairman William W. Sandstrom and President Alfred S. Scialfo (from left) participated in the ceremonies which acclaimed the recipient for many years of activity in community affairs, particularly high school athletics. Past President Whitney W. Gilbert, right, was toastmaster.

## *"Bouquets for*

*(Continued from previous page)*



### **AT LEFT:**

**Mankato, Minn.** Fourteenth person to receive a Golden Deeds Award from the Exchange Club of Mankato, was Mrs. George D. Pond, in recognition of her 15 years as volunteer chairman for the local Red Cross chapter. President Cornelius Votca (shown with Mrs. Pond) presented the Award.

**MONMOUTH, ILL.** A professor emeritus received the Exchange Club of Monmouth's Golden Deeds Award, at Friday-evening ceremonies. This tribute went to Dr. W. S. Haldeman, Monmouth professor of chemistry emeritus, in recognition of years of service given to undergraduates on the campus. The Club feted him at a banquet.

Robert Cavanaugh and Dr. Charles E. Lauder were co-chairmen of the Award committee. Dr. Haldeman's service included the fact that he many times aided students financially, so that they could finish college.

**ASHTABULA, OHIO.** A former county agricultural agent received a Book of Golden Deeds Award from the Exchange Club of Ashtabula. This Award is one of a series the Club is maintaining, to honor persons who have made the Ashtabula area "a better place in which to live." Ross Milner, recipient, is now a farm management specialist for 22 Northeastern Ohio counties.

President Robert Blaine officiated at the dinner meeting, while John Creamer, master of ceremonies, presented the Award.

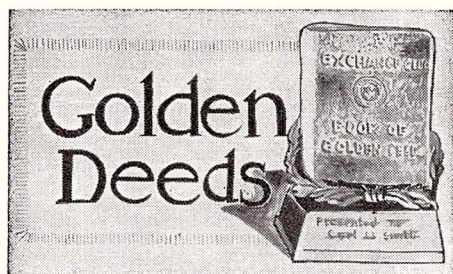
Particular achievements for which the recipient was honored, included establishment of a four-county 4-H summer camp, development of a dairy-service co-op, and research in artificial cattle breeding. "During the years I've watched rural and urban groups think about their interdependence, recognize it, and grow toward unity," said the former rural agent, acknowledging the Club's commendation. "I've been pleased to share in that recognition and growth."





**Massachusetts State Exchange Clubs.** An honorary member of the Exchange Club of New Bedford, received the State Clubs' second annual Golden Deeds Award, at the convention held at New Bedford. Here, Earle D. Wilson (left) receives his Award from Past State President Kenneth T. Corey, Worcester. A newspaper writer for many years, the recipient was honored for outstanding service to the nation as well as the community.

*the living"*



"It is remarkable how many  
heroes and heroines  
there are in time of peace,  
who never receive  
recognition . . . ."

**AT RIGHT:**

**Meridian, Miss.** In recognition of his great work in community betterment, Jack L. Harris, center, received a Book of Golden Deeds Award from the Exchange Club of Meridian. Exchangite Andrew Gainey, left, presented the Award which particularly honored the recipient for reopening of a knitting mill which returned 500 workers to their jobs. Mrs. Harris is pictured at right.

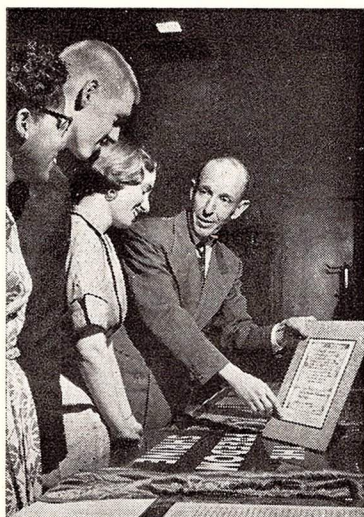




## THE FREEDOM SHRINE



**Aliquippa, Pa.** Students examine the Freedom Shrine presented by the Exchange Club of Aliquippa, to Aliquippa High School. President G. Arthur Eagleton made the presentation following an address by Admiral Ben Moreell, chairman of the board of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation, who cautioned especially against "bribes . . . which offer security . . . for the surrender of freedom."



**Toledo, Ohio.** Right, Principal R. J. Langstaff is examining details of the Freedom Shrine with students of Scott High School. The school was presented with this exhibit of historical documents by the Exchange Club of Toledo, at ceremonies during which Past President Charles W. Butler made the formal presentation.

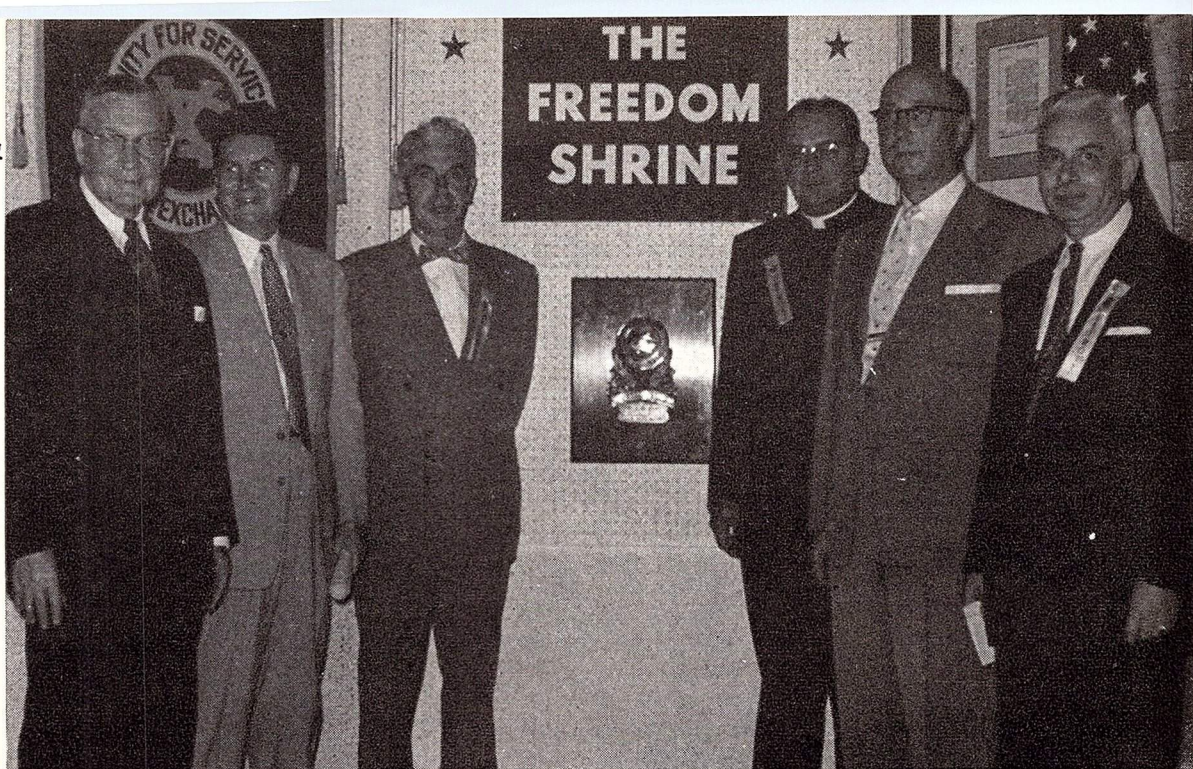
### BELOW:

**Fort Smith, Ark.** Ceremonies on a tremendous scale, marked the presentation of a Freedom Shrine by this Exchange Club, to Fort Smith Senior High School. Famed Exchangite Herbert A. Philbrick, real-life hero of "I Led Three Lives" and FBI counterspy among the Communists for nine years, spoke at a number of Club-sponsored gatherings throughout the day, including this appearance (below) at Grizzly Stadium where bands, guards, and many officials participated in the presentation. President Luther Hodges, Jr., represented the Exchange Club. Nearly 500 persons attended the earlier noon-meeting program.



● **FORT WORTH, TEXAS.** Father and son joined in a Freedom Shrine dedication when Club President J. Lee Johnson, III, presented the documents to his father, J. Lee Johnson, Jr., president of the Fort Worth Children's Museum. Thanking the Exchange Club of Fort Worth for the presentation, Mr. Johnson, Jr. paid tribute to the group for its "forward thinking," and reiterated the fact that, if every child would read and study the documents, we need have no fear of communism. Many citizens as well as civic officials, attended the Sunday-afternoon ceremonies. Exchangite B. M. Mehl, at the same time, presented a group of original Texas documents to the Museum.



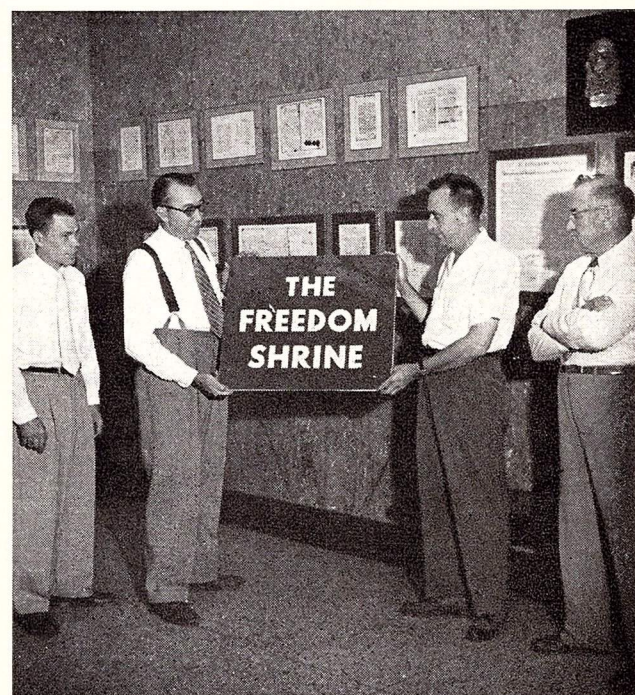


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TO  
BOTTOM:**

**Eastern Detroit, Mich.** More than 300 persons responded to the Exchange Club of Eastern Detroit's invitation to witness its Freedom Shrine presentation to the Detroit Historical Museum, on Constitution Day. Some of those participating, included (l to r): George Stark, president of the Museum Commission; Museum Director Henry Brown; Club President Dan Harrington, Jr.; the Rev. Edwin Pieplow, an Exchangite; State President Elbert Wilmot; and Committee Chairman Charles Cooke. Members' wives arranged a reception tea for the occasion.

**Red Wing, Minn.** Placing a Freedom Shrine display along the corridor walls of the local court house, are these men, after the Exchange Club of Red Wing presented the display to Goodhue county, during the county's centennial pageant. Hard at work here are (l to r) Dale Grantman, Carl Swanson, W. A. Nibbe, and A. F. Keye. President John Polk made the presentation before an audience of 6,000 persons.

**Bayamon, Puerto Rico.** Press and television gave widespread coverage to the Freedom Shrine presentation made by the Exchange Club of Bayamon to Bayamon High School, which was filled to capacity for the event. Among those participating were (l to r) Manuel Quinero, Co-chairman Antonio Monroig, Jr., Chairman Victor Sanchez Fernandez, Dr. Juan Rodriguez, Dr. J. Ramos Mimoso (Club president), Ramon A. Lavandero, Marco Toral, and Dr. Jesus E. Soto (Club secretary). Many civic officials were present, including Dr. Francisco Collazo, sub-secretary of the P.R. Department of Education, who spoke. Following the ceremonies, guests were invited to the Club's headquarters for refreshments.







ELKHART, IND. Six Exchange Clubs in District No. 1, joined in an annual golf tournament, with the Exchange Club of Elkhart as host. Nearly 100 diners feasted on chicken-and-fixins, after the golf-crammed afternoon. Elkhart won the traveling trophy, for the four lowest scores (gross, 346). Other Clubs were Michigan City (363), Mishawaka (366), South Bend (406), Goshen (419), and Gary (423). Many prizes were given for various golf achievements including hitting of a ball from the top of an 18-inch-high garden hose. Exchangites' wives also played golf, with an alternative of bridge or Scrabble, and shared in the prizes. Many National and state Exchange Club officials took part in the big get-together.

FAIRVIEW PARK, OHIO. A hilarious variety show, put on by the Exchange Club of Fairview Park, was viewed by packed houses two nights in succession. In addition to individual acts by Exchangites which were hugely successful, the show featured Club members' wives as can-can dancers. The most laugh-producing parts of the whole show reportedly were acts entitled "The June Failure Dancers" and "The Pineapple Poi's." This is the third year this type of show has been presented, and newspaper comment said that the benefit of two seasons of experience, was plainly visible.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. A former exchange student from India, now an alumnus of five U.S. colleges, spoke at a Club meeting. The student, John Arokiasamy, reported that all Asians look toward the United States for more help and understanding because of our revolutionary history. "Russia's revolution is looked upon as an internal struggle without much significance to Asians," he said, "while the American revolution was a breaking away from colonial subjugation, just as is happening now in Asia."

NORTH AUSTIN, TEXAS. This new Club already is sponsoring four boys' baseball teams in addition to other activities for youth.

NORWALK, CALIF. Model airplane clubs in three public schools in Norwalk, are flourishing, thanks to this Exchange Club. More than 150 youths are constructing miniature planes.

FAIRFIELD, CONN. A memorial fund has been established by the Exchange Club of Fairfield, honoring Dr. Edward Cudmore who died in August. The fund will assist qualified local students, by means of prizes and scholarships.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. A bank employee crippled in his youth by cerebral palsy, received a watch from the Exchange Club of Phoenix. The engraved watch was presented when he received recognition as the outstanding physically handicapped person of the year, from civic authorities. Rising from messenger to supply-room manager, he was lauded by his employers as a "truly gallant young man."

OHIO DISTRICT NO. 1. A special reduced price of \$1 per ticket including tax, was arranged to promote "Exchange Club Day" when the University of Toledo football team played Bowling Green State College at Toledo. Only 25c was charged for any youngster whom an Exchangite wished to bring to the Saturday-afternoon game. District Governor Russell Gohring who vigorously promoted the outing, reports an excellent turnout.

DETROIT, MICH. Deaf children were "given voices" by this Exchange Club, through the gift of two special instruments called Chromovoxes. "Often children who come to us don't even know they have a name," said the director of the institution which received the gift. "Born deaf, the children have no knowledge of words—that objects have names, or that you can communicate through speech." Such a child is without speech simply because he has never been able to hear it, and so does not know about it. The Chromovox clarifies speech by means of colors, vibrations, and light signals.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. A check, made out for the university of the winner's choice, went to a high school senior, from this Exchange Club. The check was awarded for the winning essay in the Club's "Americanism" contest. The presentation was made at a Club banquet. Tape-recorded, the essay was presented over the local radio station at a later date.

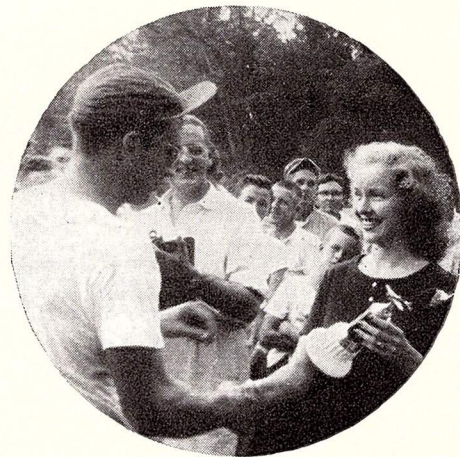
GERMANTOWN, PA. Past President Edwin C. Emhardt was honored at this Exchange Club's special dinner, where a plaque inscribed with all members' names, was presented to him. The occasion marked Past President Emhardt's seventy-fifth birthday, honoring him for "lifetime devotion to the principles" of his Exchange Club.

ALLENTOWN, PA. A large article appeared in the *New York (N.Y.) Herald Tribune*, describing a mother's gratitude for the Fresh Air program sponsored by the Exchange Club of Allentown. Due to the Club's hard work, arrangements





**Greer, S.C.** This Club's annual Napkin Sale, carried on from house-to-house for two nights, utilized all 54 members of the Club who double-marched to make it a smashing success. These are some of the Exchangites who set the fast pace which resulted in sale of 92 cases of napkins, proceeds going to the Club's youth fund. Shown (l to r) front row, J. T. Stone, President W. H. Bruce, Keith Childers, Treasurer Oneal Coggins, and Wyatt Fowler; back row, Louie Campbell, Dutch Boling, James Myers, Virgil Pruitt, Al Burnett, and Russell Fowler.



**Louisville, Ky.** A smile is one of the rewards this contestant gets, as he picks up a trophy won in this Exchange Club's annual model plane meet. More than 80 contestants from five states entered the meet, held on two Sundays. The girl is "Miss Dixie," winner of a southern states beauty contest, who presented 37 large trophies and 16 medals.

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were made for this New York mother's children to stay in Fresh Air Fund quarters throughout the summer instead of the usual two weeks. The mother had been in extremely depressed circumstances, but the locating and keeping of a job revived her both in spirit and physically. She kept her job, because the Club was able to care for her three children after a great deal of replanning. (The *Herald-Tribune* Fresh Air plan is carried out in Allentown.)

**HIBBING, MINN.** The Tommy Scott "Hill-Billy Show" was sponsored by this Exchange Club. Children's tickets were sold to businessmen and merchants for free distribution to youngsters, and regular adults' tickets helped increase the revenue from the one-night show.

**AUSTIN, TEXAS.** A group of local youngsters were treated to an afternoon of fun, by this Exchange Club. Park amusements and a full-fledged picnic made up this twenty-eighth annual Club-sponsored Sunshine Special.

**ROCK ISLAND, ILL.** One of the first projects of this very new Club, has been assistance for retarded and crippled children.

**UPTOWN SAN DIEGO, CALIF.** Holding its sixth annual golf tournament, this Exchange Club raised \$1180 for the local polio fund. Chairman Wesley Thomas and Club President Herb Archibald presented this amount to Exchangite Thomas Prendergast, chapter chairman of National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

**MOUNT VERNON, OHIO.** Celebrating their Club's successful membership contest, Mount Vernon Exchangites held an ox roast which was juicily described in a local newspaper

column. The mouth-watering description told of the digging of a four-foot-deep pit, four feet wide, six long, with Club

### Hail to the Champ

The Exchange Club of Lansing, Mich., presents as candidate for oldest living past president, its member, Terry Corliss, who will be 88 years young on February 10, 1955. A member since 1924, Past President Corliss has attended 26 National Conventions, and his Club reports that he "is still very active, and one of the greatest boosters for Exchange in the nation." The crown hereby transfers to the head of this worthy Exchangite, giving him the title which all began with comment upon Past President Earl Hulce's birthday party. (Orchids, incidentally, to many, many Exchangites who have reached a fine age while active in Club affairs; we are sorry this competition happened to be limited to past presidents which unfortunately ruled out scores of other top-notch Club members.)

members working all night long to fire the pit for roasting. Oak and birch, plus 60 pounds of coke, finally produced the 24 inches of red embers necessary. Next, came a layer of sand—then 90 pounds of meat (15-pound pieces wrapped in muslin) were bedded down on the sand, ready to turn into crisp tender morsels. About 75 persons, including members, their wives, and special guests, enjoyed the roast. A professional chef supervised proceedings.

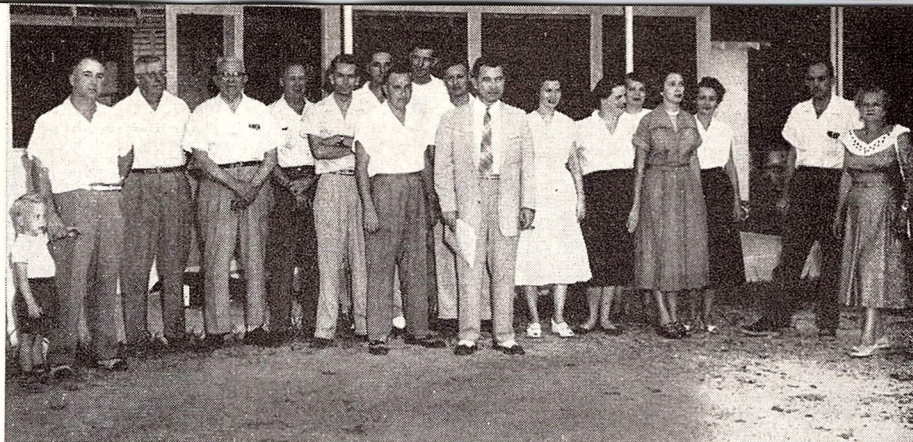
**DALLAS, TEXAS.** The drivers license law was discussed at a meeting. Director of the license bureau, was speaker.

**LANSING, MICH.** This Exchange Club honored its deceased members with a special program conducted by Exchangite Joseph W. Planck. Preceding the memorial service,





**South Suburban Minneapolis, Minn.** Riding regally in the Richfield Roundup, a festive local celebration, are these Exchange Club representatives (l to r): Mrs. Keith Frost, Club President Frost, Mrs. Al Sorteberg, and National Staff Member Sorteberg. The Roundup also included a square dance among its many events.



**Roxboro, N.C.** A great deal of local praise went to this Exchange Club for its sponsorship of a new recreation center and park, including a miniature-golf course, drive-in frozen custard concession, miniature train, picnic tables and benches, and playground equipment. Shown as they met to formulate plans, are these Club members and their wives (l to r): Clyde Murphy, Frank Williams, J. H. Lewis, Paul Blair, Dr. Earl Daniel, Herman Bowles, Monroe Singleton, A. S. Terry, Ronald Hicks, President Delian D. Long, Mrs. Monroe Singleton, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Bowles, Mrs. Hiram Elam, Lawrence Moore, and Mrs. W. H. Adair.

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Exchangite Planck discussed the history and meaning of the Exchange Club, including the record of the Lansing group. He then, with all members standing, recited the names of more than 50 Lansing Exchangites who had died while active in Club attendance, and recalled in regard to every man, some personal characteristic, or some service which he had performed. The meeting was quietly concluded, with every member there, impressed by the beauty of this special observance.

**HUNTSVILLE, ALA.** Peddling boxes of cleansing tissues from door to door, members of this Exchange Club made more than \$1,000 profit. Only six men were active in the project, selling the boxes three for a dollar. The local Crippled Children's Clinic and a Freedom Shrine display are the two principal causes for which the money will be used.

**ESCONDIDO, CALIF.** Expecting to raise about \$500 for the local polio fund, members of this Exchange Club were happy to count up more than \$1,000 when their soliciting was completed.

**PERRYSBURG, OHIO.** This Exchange Club rates monthly publicity by its award to a Boy of the Month. Recent choice was the president-elect of Perrysburg High School's senior class. The boy, James Buckenberger, also is a Future-Farmer-of-America member.

**ALEDO, ILL.** This new Club's first project is that of rendering financial and other assistance to the adult training



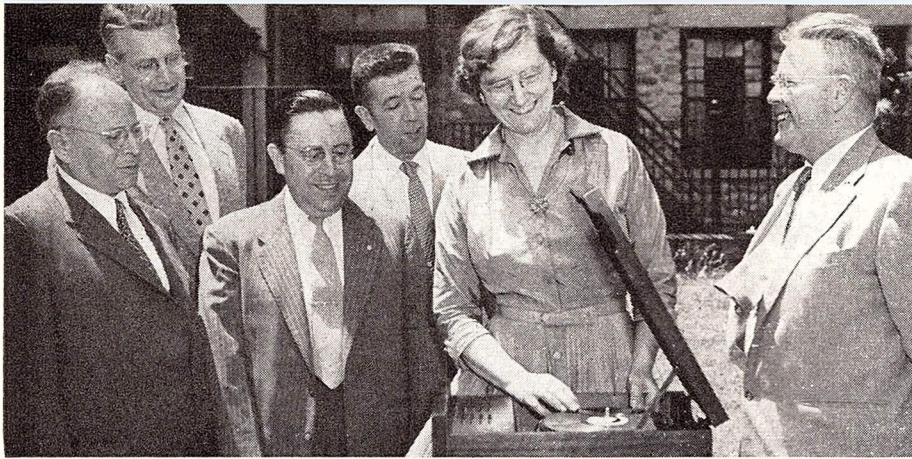
*Merry Christmas to All!*



### ◀ A RUSH OF ENTRANTS FOR ORANGE BOWL TOURNAMENT

**Miami, Florida.** Greeting the very first entrants in the first King Orange International model plane contest, are these Exchangites (l to r): Tom Sutor and Frank Miles of Hialeah-Miami Springs; Norm Smith of North Miami; Bob Quick of Alapattah; Bill Buchholz of Riverside; and (right) Phil Hartmann of Hialeah-Miami Springs. Coinciding with Orange Bowl festivities for the season 1954-1955, the contest is being sponsored by eight Exchange Clubs of the area.





**New Bedford, Mass.** The superintendent of Sol-e-Mar Hospital, a children's orthopedic institution, inspects one of two radio-phonographs presented by the Exchange Club of New Bedford. With Superintendent Elessa Prien, are (l to r) Program Chairman Max Bleich, State Board Member John E. Carew, Secretary Louis A. Roy, Vice President Norman H. Trudel, and President F. Denton Wertz.



**National Model Airplane Championships.** Pictured at the conclusion of this 1954 event, are (l to r) Captain Ford N. Taylor, USN, National Secretary Herold M. Harter, and Commander Bart Slatery, USN. The big meet, sponsored by The National Exchange Club, was held at Glenview, Ill.

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program of the Boy and Girl Scouts of Mercer county. It also has sponsored a booth at the County Centennial Fair.

**DALLAS, TEXAS, and NORTHEAST DETROIT, MICH.** These are two of the Clubs which have reproduced and distributed the "Rules for Children" printed in the May 1954 *Exchangite*, and have forwarded sample sheets to National Headquarters. Northeast Detroit reproduced the page on light cardboard, which was especially effective. Northeast Detroit then placed several hundred of these placards in libraries, stores, Sunday schools, and wherever children and parents could see them, and also sent two to every grade school in Detroit! The Board of Education asked teachers to explain them in every classroom. Many area newspapers carried the poster free of charge.

### Santa Claus in White Plains

This month's issue of *McCall's* is carrying a feature article in regard to the Santa Claus activity of the Exchange Club of White Plains (N.Y.). This project has earned high praise from all who have seen it in action. Be sure to get a copy of the current issue (December 1954) of this popular family magazine, so that you can enjoy the nation-wide publicity and commendation which fellow-Exchangites in White Plains have earned.

**SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.** This Exchange Club held a ladies' night which proved very popular. Gifts were given to all ladies present.

## CHARTERED

### *in Unity for Service*

**South Suburban Minneapolis, Minn. T.** W. Dawson, right, member of the National Board of Control, in his National capacity, presented this charter to Club President Keith R. Frost, then, in his role as state president, went on to welcome the new Exchange Club of South Suburban Minneapolis into the state.







Klamath Falls, Ore. Handing a check for \$151.65 to Scout Jim Easley, is President Stuart Balsiger. The Exchange Club of Klamath Falls, made this profit by manning concessions at the Boy Scout Circus. The Club annually sponsors the Circus for the Scouts. This year, \$2,000 was cleared for Scout activities in the area. The Club also, free to the public, sponsors the huge yearly Pelicana Telerama which is telecast, and radio-broadcast, as part of its performances. City and county schools participate.



Needham, Mass. This Exchange Club's big annual civic outing, in which the Club's own float won first prize (above), included an hour-long parade, children's doll-and-bicycle contests, ball games, swimming meet, a National Championship road race, a "Miss Needham" contest (first prize, a trip to New York), gigantic fireworks, and block dancing. The Club spent more than \$4,000 for prizes, and other costs.

## EXCHANGITES IN THE NEWS . . .

ALHAMBRA, CALIF. New president of the Exchange Club Diabetic Foundation for Juveniles, is Wilson H. Rutherford, member of the National Extension Committee. The Foundation sent diabetic youngsters to camp during the summer.

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BRISTOL, CONN. Past State President Reginald C. Morrell was featured in a six-page reprint of a *Bristol Press* article describing the Bristol Clock Museum, of which Past President Morrell is curator. The Museum is maintained as a shrine to the great, time-honored American clock and watch industry, and its part in American economy.

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YONKERS, N.Y. S. James De Lasho of this Exchange Club, was elected president of the Yonkers Lawyers Association.

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MOBILE, ALA. Past President Ralph G. Holberg, Jr., also a charter member of this Exchange Club, was elected president of the local county chapter of the American Red Cross.

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TONAWANDA, N. Y. District Governor George W. Solomon was elected first vice president of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Niagara County. The association provides local medical treatment, education and guidance, working in conjunction with the state and national groups.

SEATTLE, WASH. One of the six florists from the entire United States, chosen to demonstrate before the annual Florists Telegraph Delivery Association's convention, was James Crissey of this Exchange Club. This was his second appearance before this national convention.

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ROANOKE, VA. Judge K. A. Pate, past District Governor, was reappointed to his second six-year term as presiding official of the Roanoke Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. The selection, under law, is made by three higher-court judges. Their choice of Judge Pate was lauded in a *Roanoke World-News* editorial.

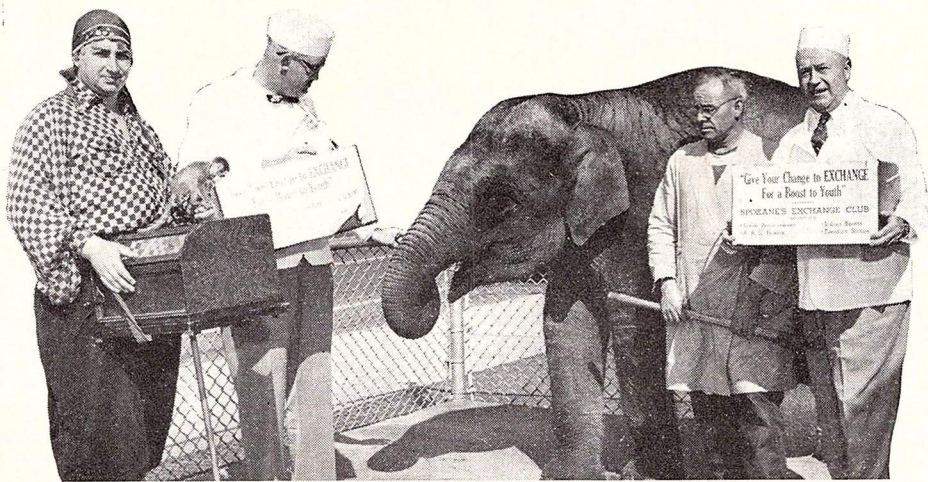
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DEARBORN, MICH. Named to a four-man commission to study sanitation facilities in Indochina, was Morton S. Hilbert, member of the Exchange Club of Dearborn, and county engineering and sanitation director for 10 years. He also is president of the Michigan Public Health Association. He is now in Saigon on this assignment. He was chosen by the Federal Foreign Operations Administration, to recommend improvements.

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TOLEDO, OHIO. Local Civil Defense heads commended Exchangite Robert McKenty, CD chief supervisor, for outstanding effort in furthering work in this area.





**Spokane, Wash.** Interesting publicity (sample, above) helped this Exchange Club net \$700 from a one-day "Guber" sale. Some of the peanut-selling principals included (l to r) Exchangites Charles E. Theis, O. L. Northrop, Orrin C. Glackin, and President A. E. Mathers.



**Belleville, Ill.** A "figure 8" cake marked the eighth-birthday celebration of the Exchange Club of Belleville. Ready and eager to eat the treat baked by Mrs. W. S. Keiner (wife of Past State President Keiner), are (l to r), Secretary-Treasurer George Glakemeier, President Vic Geolat, Jr., and Vice President George Meyer.



**Norristown, Pa.** This Exchange Club met with that of Plymouth-Whitemarsh, at Norristown, for a "Presidents Night" event. The seven officers above, include (standing, l to r): President Edwin H. Allinson, Plymouth-Whitemarsh; President Ralph Park, North Philadelphia; N. J. State President Anthony E. Imbesi; and President Edward Drink, Chester; (seated) Pennsylvania State President Joseph P. Geatens; National President J. Benjamin Brick (now Immediate Past National President) of Atlantic City, N. J.; and President Theodore Heysham, Jr., of Norristown.

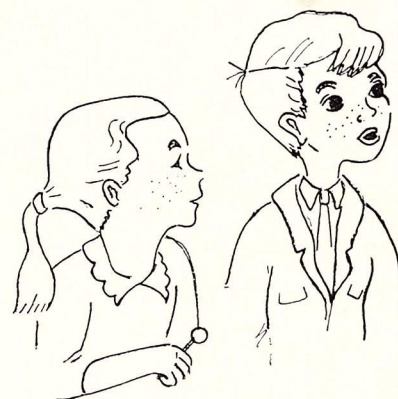


**Zion, Illinois.** This Exchange Club drew tremendous newspaper publicity, and reaped a \$600 profit, when it sponsored the nationally famous "King and His Court" four-man softball team in an exhibition match against a nine-man All Star team from Great Lakes Naval Training Center. A crowd of 3,000 watched the King and his men score 4-0 shutout against the sailors. All children and navy personnel were admitted free. Exchangite Ford Wilson, Sr., newspaper man, helped his Club achieve its excellent writeups. The King of the group, which comes from Walla Walla, Wash., is a jester as well as a brilliant strikeout artist. Some of the principals at the event included, above (l to r): Vice President James L. Paxton; Dr. H. G. Thorstenson, chairman, holding trophy presented to leading boy ball-player sponsored by the Club; President Jack Brigham with trophy for outstanding navy player; and Lt. Russell Wilson Burns, special services officer.

### A Salute to the following District Governors who completed all visits several months prior to this date.

Orville Rouch Colo. Dist. No. 2	Everett F. Johnson Calif. Dist. No. 3
Sidney S. Farabow N.C. Dist. No. 4	Raymon S. Drexler Florida Dist. No. 5
David Rhea Tenn. Dist. No. 3	Arthur G. Crowell Calif. Dist. No. 4
Alton R. Haight N.Y. Dist. No. 5	George E. Thornton Florida Dist. No. 1
Edward R. Cammarota Pa. Dist. No. 6	B. H. Amstead Texas Dist. No. 4
E. J. Lehman Calif. Dist. No. 5	Mel Starkel Calif. Dist. No. 7
Russell Snow Mich. Dist. No. 5	R. S. Hutchinson Ga. Dist. No. 4

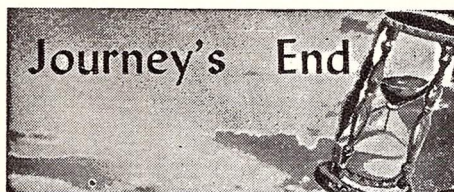
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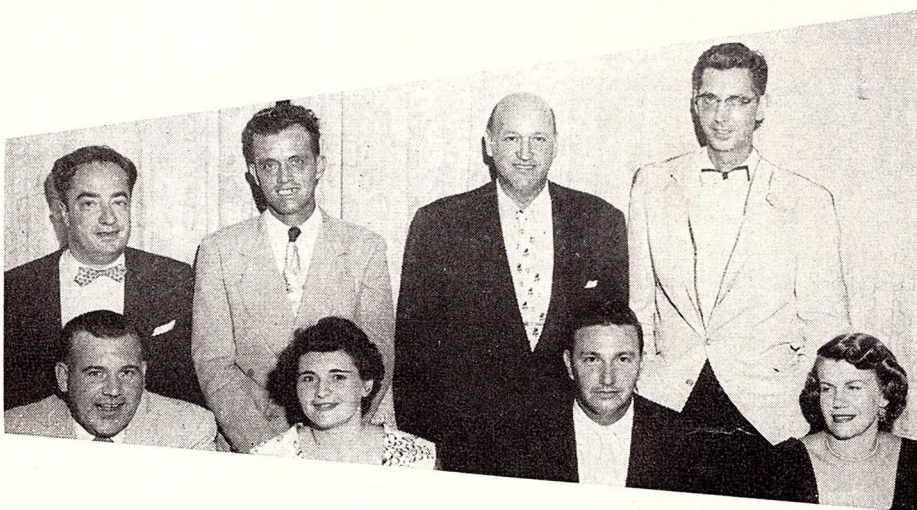


"I have a rendezvous with life  
In days I hope will come  
Ere youth has sped, and strength of  
mind  
Ere voices sweet grow dumb. . . .  
Though wet, nor blow, nor space, I fear  
Yet fear I deeply, too.  
Lest death should greet and claim me  
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I keep life's rendezvous."

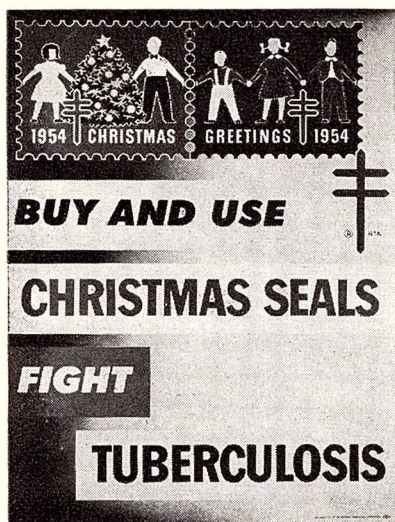
Clayton B. Whitney, member, Worcester (Mass.). . . L. E. Fink, member, South Bend (Ind.). . . E. T. Moore, member, Rocky Mount (N.C.). . . Kenith E. Lott, member, Salt Lake City (Utah). . . H. E. Counselman, East Lake Street-Minneapolis (Minn.). . . Charles O. Lindell, member, Reno (Nev.). . . William L. Cafferty, member, Bristol (Conn.). . . Frank T. Linx, member, Parma (Ohio). . . Dan Levy, member, Fort Worth (Texas). . . John Taros, member, White Plains (N.Y.). . . Joseph R. Schechter, member, Glen Falls (N.Y.). . . John H. Loeffler, member, Baltimore (Md.). . . Bernard A. O'Hara, member, Waterbury (Conn.). . . Duane E. Fetzer, member, Cedar Rapids (Iowa). . . Frank B. Thrower, member, Quincy (Florida). . . Clarence E. Chatfield, member, Indianapolis (Ind.). . . Norman Fiske, member, Auburn (Maine). . . Albert E. Chanson, member, Warren (Ohio). . . Edward D. Lannen, member, Olean (N.Y.). . . Walter E. Burt, member, Muncie (Ind.). . . Charles E. Frick, Sr., member, Frankford-Philadelphia (Pa.).



Spokane, Wash. Happy champions of an Exchange Club bowling league, are these Spokane members (l to r): Donald G. Glascock, Fayette Lakley, Dr. George E. Wood, Henry Lackman, and Clifford F. Couey.



North Miami, Florida. Famed News-Commentator Paul Dixon and Mrs. Dixon (seated, right) are shown at this Exchange Club's banquet, for which Commentator Dixon was principal speaker. Club members shown with them are (standing, l to r), Treasurer Edward McBride, Secretary Norman E. Smith, President Alvin Laubheim, and Vice President Howard Berger; (seated) Past President and Mrs. Jerry Happ.



Yonkers, N.Y. Past State President Leo Ferrara of New Rochelle, third from right, is presenting a plaque to State Board Member George Ruscup, third from left, in honor of his election as board member. The scene is a dinner at the New Rochelle Yacht Club, honoring Exchangite Ruscup. Others (l to r) are Past President Jesse Laffe, Yonkers President Herbert Grand, and New Rochelle President J. Fred Waldron, and Dinner Chairman Edward Petruzzi.



# List of Class "A" Officers

These officers graduated into top honors by filling out third quarter, 1954, membership reports, and sending them to National Headquarters promptly.

- ABERCROMBIE, J. Henry  
Adams, C. Calvin  
Addante, Dr. Joseph B.  
Albert, Ashton J.  
Anderson, Roy C.  
Andrews, Francis W.  
Andries, Dr. John E.  
Angell, E. Malcolm  
Angott, Philip J.  
Anselmo, Joe V.  
Arbogast, E. James  
Armstrong, A. Russell  
Arthur, Hiram S.  
Arthur, J. Victor, Jr.  
Auld, Frederick H.
- BAILEY, Homer E.  
Baker, Henry W.  
Baldwin, Richard H.  
Ballard, Lynn W.  
Ballard, W. J., Jr.  
Barcelo-Mora, Juan  
Barclay, A. C.  
Barefield, Leonard V.  
Barker, Jack P.  
Barnett, Robert O.  
Barrows, Jonathan F.  
Barthelme, Carlton S.  
Basham, Jack C.  
Batchelor, Lester M.  
Batts, Roy F.  
Batz, Claude G.  
Bauer, Edmond S.  
Baum, Dr. Mark  
Beck, Quentin F.  
Beck, Stanley C.  
Beck, Winton H.  
Beeler, Wandel A.  
Bell, Fred D.  
Bender, J. George  
Bennett, Clark  
Benzel, Earl S.  
Bergeson, Edward B.  
Betz, Leroy J.  
Biega, Dr. Stanley G.  
Bigsbee, Earle M.  
Black, Roy L.  
Blackburn, A. B.  
Blackburn, W. Stewart  
Blair, Harry D., Jr.  
Blank, Arnold  
Bluth, Lawrence G.  
Blystone, Rodney E., Jr.  
Bock, Robert A.  
Bonds, William A.  
Booth, Gerald P.  
Boswell, William S.  
Boyd, F. D. (Dan)  
Brackett, Clarence H., Jr.  
Bradley, Homer L.  
Bradshaw, Francis C.  
Brady, Harry A.  
Brenneman, Leroy J.  
Briggs, Alfred W.  
Brigode, Robert A.  
Brill, James H.  
Brisolara, Arthur L., Jr.  
Brooks, Charles H.  
Brosseau, James R.  
Brown, Charles  
Brown, Melvin A.  
Buckner, Wynter L.  
Bunge, Ewald W.  
Burgos, Victor Manuel  
Burke, Henry R.  
Burns, John W.  
Burnson, Charles M.  
Bush, George H. W.  
Bushong, Nelson L.
- CALLAHAN, Dr. John E.  
Campbell, Claude  
Campbell, Huff  
Cannon, Thomas H., Jr.  
Cansfield, Hartley J.  
Capianco, Gilbert F.  
Cappelle, S. Paul  
Carlisle, Mrs. Annie Laurie  
Carlson, Evald A.  
Carpp, Willard L.  
Carrington, Ralph W.  
Carroll, F. Leon  
Carter, Dallas L.  
Carter, Robert J.  
Cass, Hubert A.  
Casson, Donald B.  
Cattaneo, Wendell M.  
Chabek, Albert R.  
Champion, Philip W.  
Chilcote, Mark H.  
Cilley, Wesley A.  
Clabaugh, Wm. A.  
Clark, Alvin R.  
Clark, Lee O.  
Cleveland, Sidney M.  
Clinton, Arthur R.  
Clinton, Lester P.  
Codere, Maxime A.  
Coffin, Amory S.  
Coker, Mack  
Coleman, W. B.
- Coleman, William B.  
Collins, Carroll J.  
Colvin, J. Patrick  
Comings, C. Lea  
Conway, M. Tracy  
Cornes, W. H.  
Courtright, Donald D.  
Coyner, K. H.  
Craighead, Lincoln W.  
Crane, William C.  
Crank, Lester G.  
Crawford, W. A.  
Creed, Platt H.  
Cressy, Warren F., Jr.  
Croft, George R.  
Crozier, Calvin W.  
Cullen, John F.  
Cullen, W. H., Jr.  
Culpepper, J. Frank
- DAIN, Albert T.  
Damon, Merlin E.  
Darnall, W. G.  
Daum, Merrill F.  
Davis, Emory J.  
Davis, Joseph L., Jr.  
Davis, Thurman M.  
Davison, Eugene L.  
Deardorff, Paul A., Jr.  
DeFour, Morris R.  
Demaine, David A.  
Deyo, George  
Dickey, Jeff D.  
Dickinson, Robert B.  
Dixon, James L.  
Doda, John B.  
Dodgen, Wm. M.  
Dohn, Carlton H.  
Dominick, William E.  
Donovan, Jere M.  
Dore, Frank T.  
Dorman, Clarence M.  
Douglas, Warren C.  
Draffen, Cecil  
Drake, J. Stanley  
Druckenbrod, Warren  
DuBree, Howard W.  
Dufault, Francis  
DuVall, Leo E.
- EGGERT, Anthony B.  
Elder, Lawrence C.  
Elliott, Clarence H.  
Elliott, Marvin D.  
Endicott, John F.  
English, Dale L.  
Erickson, Charles A.
- FAGLEY, Allan N.  
Falk, Stanley J.  
Farris, Carl C.  
Farrell, James E.  
Felix, Richard K.  
Fickett, Thomas H.  
Fike, Fred W.  
Fillion, Claude H.  
Fingerhut, Victor B.  
Fischer, Frederick N.  
Fiser, Hal G.  
Fisher, William C.  
Flaherty, John J.  
Fleming, Earle S.  
Fling, Paul V.  
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